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In re the Application of: **MAEDA, Tatsuya et al.**

Group Art Unit: **2623**

Serial No.: **09/963,710**

Examiner: **Vikkram Bali**

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For. **INSPECTION METHOD OF ELECTRIC PART, INSPECTION APPARATUS OF ELECTRIC JUNCTION BOX AND INSPECTION APPARATUS OF TERMINAL FITTINGS**

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.97(d)**

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November 2, 2005

Sir:

In accordance with the duty to disclose information pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, Applicants hereby notify the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the document listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem relevant to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application. One copy of each document listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 is enclosed.

Applicants enclose herewith an English translation of a Chinese Office Action in a counterpart application. The Chinese Office Action has a Date of Notification of August 12, 2005. The English translation of the Chinese Office Action is listed on line **AK** of the attached Form PTO-1449.

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The enclosed English translation of the Chinese Office Action includes remarks regarding the following reference: U.S. Patent No. 5,495,424 issued February 27, 1996 to Tokura. U.S. Patent No. 5,495,424 is not listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 because U.S. Patent No. 5,495,424 was listed on a Form PTO-1449 filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on October 4, 2002. The Examiner initialed next to U.S. Patent No. 5,495,424 on the Form PTO-1449 filed October 4, 2002, and signed and dated it 9/8/2004. Thus, Applicants understand that the Examiner has already considered U.S. Patent No. 5,495,424.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the mailing date of a notice of allowance, and therefore Applicants are filing concurrently herewith a Statement under 37 CFR 1.97(e). A fee under 37 CFR 1.17(p) is required.

The submission of the listed document is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicants do not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being presented so that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office may determine any materiality thereof to the claimed invention. It is respectfully requested that each item of information listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the document listed in



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the attached Form PTO-1449 of record therein and appear on the first page of any patent to issue therefrom.

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I hereby state that each item of information listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

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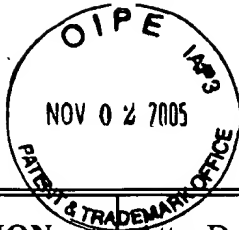
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